

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 82-11

STATE GEOGRAPHIC NAMES BOARD

WHEREAS, the history and culture of Arizona is reflected in its geographic names; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for official rulings which will represent the considered opinion of the State of Arizona regarding the proper names of geographic features and places for use in official documents, standard maps and for use in general; and

WHEREAS, liaison between the State of Arizona and the United States Board on Geographic Names is needed to eliminate confusion and to promote accord and agreement on geographic name designation and origin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Babbitt, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Arizona Constitution and the Laws of Arizona, it is ordered as follows:

I. The establishment of the State Geographic Names Board

A. There shall be a State Geographic Names Board which shall consist of one member representing each of the following agencies or organizations:

- 1) Arizona Department of Transportation,
- 2) Arizona State Land Department,
- 3) Arizona State Department of Economic Security,
- 4) Arizona State Department of Libraries, Archives, and Public Records,
- 5) Arizona Historical Society,
- 6) Arizona Association of Counties,
- 7) Arizona State Office of Economic Planning and Development,
- 8) One member representing the Arizona University System, rotating on a biennial basis, and
- 9) One member-at-large appointed by the Governor.

B. Members of the State Geographic Names Board shall serve without compensation or expense to the State of Arizona, except that expenditures may be made from federal funds received by the State and allocated to the Board for normal expenses and its members if such expenditures are in accordance with the law.

II. Duties of the Board

The Board shall:

- A. Determine the correct and most appropriate name of mountains, canyons, gulches, streams, streambeds or channels (whether dry or flowing), mesas, deserts, waterholes, bridges (either natural or manmade), parks, monuments (either natural or manmade), roads, trails or other natural or artificial geographic features in the State and their spellings; but specifically reserving to the counties, cities and towns the right to change street and road names.
- B. Pass upon and give names to geographic features in the State for which no generally accepted name is or has been in use.
- C. Cooperate with local subdivisions of government and with their approval when such names are not of historical significance, change the names of geographic features to eliminate duplication of names in the State.
- D. Review and pass upon all proposed changes in names from those which may be of historical significance.

- E. Prepare, in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey, an official State gazetteer of geographic names.
- F. Adopt bylaws, rules and procedures for the orderly conduct of operations.
- G. Represent the State in all appropriate actions before the United States Board on Geographic Names and cooperate with that board so that there is no conflict between State and federal designations of geographic features in the State.

III. Use of Names Chosen

When the State Geographic Names Board gives a name to a geographic feature in the State, the name is the official name of the geographic feature and shall be used in all maps, records, documents and other publications issued by the State or its departments and political subdivisions.

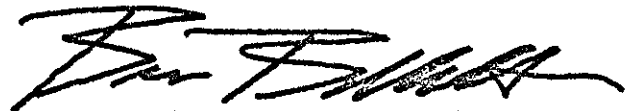
IV. Advertising or Publishing a Name Without Approval

No person may attempt to modify local usage or name an unnamed geographic feature in an advertisement or publication without first obtaining the approval of the State Geographic Names Board.

V. Perpetuation of Historical Names

It is declared the public policy of the State that natural or artificial objects, places or things, continue to be known by the names they now bear, as shall be determined by the State Geographic Names Board, so that the historical record of the State may be protected and preserved.

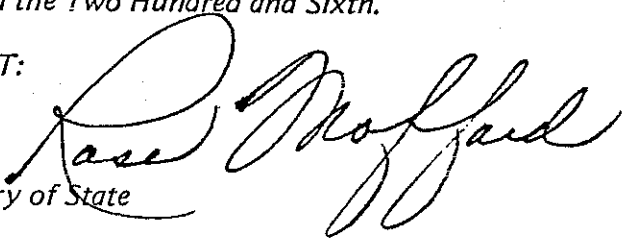
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Sixth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

